THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) A specific quantification of wastage of energy by itself has not been carried out on a national scale although studies carried out in the past had indicated energy saving potential of the order of 25 per cent, 20 per cent and 30 per cent in the industrial, transport and agricultural sectors respectively through better house keeping and maintenance practices, change of equipment and upgradation of process etc.

(b) The steps taken by the Government to check the wastage and inefficent use of energy in the country mainly include creation of a nodal cell to coordinate and review the progress of energy conservation activities and to evolve the general strategy, setting up of targets for energy-intensive industries, conducting energy audits, training of personnel as Energy Managers, commissioning of studies/surveys to identify and define the need for policy initiatives in specific areas, demonstration programmes in rectification of inefficient agricultural pumpsets, modification of standards governing electrical appliances, grant of fiscal incentives including import duty concession on certain energy saving devices, and launching of a multi-media public awareess campaign.

Applications for Registration of trade marks

3193. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of applications received for registration of trade marks during the last three years;

(b) what is the number out of them where trade marks were allotted during the same period;

(c) what is the number out of them which are still pending and by when these applications will be disposed of; and

(d) what action is proposed to be taken by Government to clear the backlog?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) The number of applications received for registration of Trade Marks during the years 1985-86, 1986-87, 1987-88 are 15.956, 18.275, 18;266 respectively.

(b) The number of trade marks registered during the years 1985-86, 1986-87, 1987-88 are 2.380,44,2,660 respectively.

(c) and (d) The number of applications for registration pending examination as on 26.7.88 is 34,684. Besides special efforts to reduce the pendency, steps are underway to computerise the record of the Trade Mark Registry to facilitate examination of the applications.

Representation of Muslims and Harijans on Boards for allotting gas agencies and petrol pumps

3194. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state;

(a) the number of boards set up by his Ministry for allotting gas agencies and Petrol Pumps dealerships in the country during the years 1986-87, 1987-88 and so far in the current financial year alongwith the names of members of new selection Boards;

(b) the names of Muslim, Harijan, Sikh and Christian members of these boards during this period; and

(c) whether Government propose to give representation to Muslims, Harijans and other minorities on these selection boards?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) There are four Oil Selection Boards (OSBs) The tenure of the earlier incumbents of these Boards had expired in June 1986. These Boards have since been